THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Gov-- ernment of Karnataka had asked for increase in the moodily allocation of rice from 50, 000 tonnes to 60, 000 lonnes;

(c) and (d) The allocation has been raised to 55, 000 tonnes for the month May 1987.

Financial assistance to sugar mills in Karnataka

860. SHRI D, B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to, state:

<a) whether the State government of Karoataka had recently urged the Central Government to provide financial assistance from the Central Sugar Development Fund Scheme for the sugar factories in Karntataka;

, (b) ifso, the amount of assistance the Central Government "had provided to the State Government during the last 3 years;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Ganga-vathi sugar Limited at Raichur in Karna-taka is lying closed for the last three years due to financial crisis; -and

(d) if so' what steps Government pro pose to provide assistance. and restart the iSaid mill?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Applications from 8, sugar factories in Karnaiaka' for financial assistance from Sugar Development Fund for development of sugarcane were rece'v-«d. On examination, these were found incomplete in regard to material information required in support of the Schemes proposed. AlJ, the sugar factories were,. therefore, advised to resubmit their applications aloagwith full details/information. No application for financial assistance for modernisatj'qn/rehabilitation of plant and machinery has been received from sugar factories Jn Karmtaka. As. such no financial assistance could be sanctioned tb sugar factories In TCamataka.

(e) and <d) According to the information. available with the Central Government, the Gangavathi Sugars Limited at Raichur did not commence crushing operations during 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons, and also- till date during the 1986-87 seasons. It is primarily fdr the management of the sugar factory to ensure ijs.. efficient running. However, the sugar mills can obtain loans from Sugar Development Fund administered by the Central Government at concessional rate of interest towards meeting shortfall in promoters contribution for modernisation/rehabilitation of plant . -• and machinery and for development of sugarcane in its command area, subject to the consideration qf^the completeness and correctness of details furnished and* also-the satisfaction of priorities *aud* guidelines.

Working of co-operative wcfettas

861. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will*the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact mat Govern ment had some time back set up'a Com mittee, to go into the question of. working of the co-operative societies in the coun try;

(b) if so, what were the terms of refe rence and what ar6 the findings/recom mendations thereon; and

(c) what follow up action is under Gov ernment's consideration at present?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRi G. S. DHILLON):, (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, a 'Committee on Cooperative Law for DemocratiSation and Pro-fessionalisation of Management in Coope- ratives' was constituted on 27th September, 1985 to examine the Cooperative Acts/Rules is the States and to make suitable recommendations to aetivise > democratic process coupled with promotion of professional management of the cooperatives. The Committee ias submitted its Report on tOth April, 1987.

Another. 'Committee on the Structure andRole -of National Cooperative Societies* was set up OH ISthTAprHi 1986. »(i) to assess the performance of the. national level cooperative federations; (ii) to exa- '